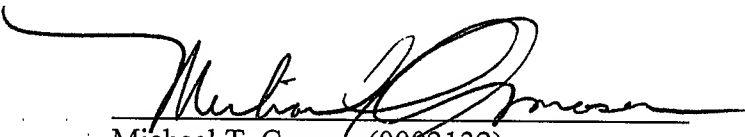


**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF OHIO	:	CASE NO. DIRECT
Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	
PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL	:	NOLLE PROSEQUI
Defendant.	:	(DISMISSAL OF CHARGE)
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It appearing to the Prosecutor that Punxsutawney Phil has a defense with teeth in it – his handler stepped up to the burrow to take full responsibility for misinterpreting said Defendant’s prediction of an early Spring – the charge against Punxsutawney Phil is hereby dismissed.

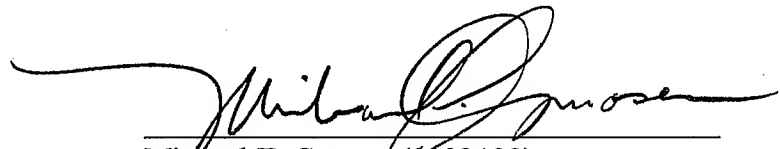

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

No one should consider this case all that unusual. After all, the majority in the U.S. Senate is represented by a donkey, the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives is represented by an elephant and there is a lame duck in the

White House planning to turn loose an Easter Bunny on the White House lawn. Now as it turns out, Punxsutawney Phil is little more than a scapegoat for the misinterpretation of his handler and the dismissal is thereby appropriate. And for all who took this case too seriously and were told this case was tongue-in-cheek, those are not body parts of a groundhog for a stew. In these serious times, I hope this case brought a light-hearted moment to all concerned with a warm welcome to Spring ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Gmoser", written over a horizontal line.

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